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Clovis Watson, Jr.
City Manager
City of Alachua
15100 NW 142nd Terrace
Alachua, Florida 32616

Re:

Violation of Dual Office Holding under the Florida Constitution

Dear Mr. Watson:

It has come to our attention that you may be in violation of the following section of the Florida Constitution:

A2 S5 of the State Constitution:

(a) "No person shall hold at the same time more than one office under the government of the state and the counties and municipalities therein, except that a notary public or military officer may hold another office, and any officer may be a member of a constitution revision commission, taxation and budget reform commission, constitutional convention, or statutory body having only advisory powers."

According to the City of Alachua's public website, you serve as the City Manager of the City of Alachua. In addition, our records reflect that you are currently registered as a full-time law enforcement officer in our Automated Training Management System (ATMS2). It remains the opinion of our General Counsel's Office that because of the two positions that you hold, you are in violation of the above portion of the Florida Constitution.

We have no other choice but to separate your employment as a full-time officer with the Alachua Police Department, and ask that you cease any activities involving the duties of a law enforcement officer. Otherwise, we will be forced to report this violation to the Ethics Commission for further investigation.

Please contact me or Training and Research Manager Terry Baker at (850) 410-8600 by July 31, 2007 to inform us of your plans to rectify this situation.

Sincerely

Michael Crews, Director

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